

SAVING GERMAN SHOT
10 U.S. PRISONERS

Member of Old 69th Tells of
Murder of Comrades by
Officer.

ENRAGED AT REPULSE

Asserts Enemy Is Shooting
Over Fever Gases—Other
Local Casualties.

A German officer ordered the shooting of ten defenseless American prisoners of war in the trenches of the 165th Infantry (the "Fighting Sixty-ninth")—a letter in the letter from Private Albert W. Haggerty, a member of the 165th Infantry, a casualty list as having been killed July 15.

The letter was received here by his sister, Mrs. Emily Haggerty, 145 West 101st street, where he had lived, and arrived shortly before the news of his death.

"I will tell you of some of my experiences as a soldier in France, fighting under the old Stars and Stripes," he wrote. "You at home do not know of the brutality of the Hun and his desire to relate an instance which shows the color of the Hun and their idea of war."

Sixty Held Off 1,000 Germans.

"On one occasion sixty of our men held 1,000 Germans from attacking us in an outpost. The way that we were placed the German commander evidently thought that he had run into a full regiment of American soldiers. But he managed to capture some of us, and he learned that there were only six Americans engaged in the defense. He took the captured men to headquarters, where he ordered wine be served."

"He told our men they were so smart he was going to show them how smart he was. He was very angry. With each of our men shot he ordered one of our men shot. This is only one of the brutalities of the Hun."

"I have been in the trenches for two weeks with a fever, or as we call it the 'Hun fever.' The Germans are shooting some kind of a germ across our line. If we are unlucky enough to come in contact with these germs we are generally laid up from two to four weeks."

"We do not do very much in the daytime but keep out of sight in our dugouts. Most of the fighting is done at night. During the day we listen to the German batteries roar. The best of the aviators are really wonderful. We manage to get in a little baseball occasionally. It is our one great pleasure. It makes me feel like a boy again. I have seen the Polo Grounds. You should never kick about large mosquitoes, because they are only insects. If you are not careful you will be like a large horse, and believe me, they have some sting."

Lieut. Frank J. McConnell, 21 of Battery E, Seventh Field Artillery, was killed in action July 22, according to a War Department telegram sent his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. McConnell, 108 West 101st street, New York, yesterday. They are spending their vacation at the Thousand Islands and the telegram was forwarded to them there.

Was Princeton Sophomore.

Lieut. McConnell was a sophomore at Princeton when he left college to enter the 165th Infantry Training Camp last year. He was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant upon his graduation and intended to remain in the army after the war. He went to France January 15 and spent three months in French artillery school. A recent letter told of his escape from injury when a shell exploded in a dugout where he was working.

He attended Public School 86 at Richmond Hill, the Richmond Hill High School, the University of the City of New York, and the Polytechnic Preparatory School. He was a member of the freshman rowing crew at Princeton and was well known as a tennis player. His father is a well known business man in East New York and the family is prominent socially in Richmond Hill.

Private Carl T. Weitz, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Weitz of 1000 Forest avenue, the Bronx, reported in yesterday's casualty list as having been killed in action. He was a member of the 165th Infantry, and had been four years in the service. His father was born in Germany.

Private William S. Drake, Company C, Sixth Engineers, killed in action July 18, was a son of Mr. and Mrs. James S. Drake of 430 Quincy street, Brooklyn. When he was a child he was killed in the 165th Infantry, and the first man in his block to join the army. Private Drake made his last visit home on Thanksgiving day wearing an expert marmoset badge. He was born and educated in Brooklyn.

News of the death in action July 18 of Private Rudolph Rabinowitz, Machine Gun Company of the 165th Infantry, was received yesterday by his mother, Mrs. William Rabinowitz, 2315 Merrick avenue, Brooklyn. He was a 31-year-old conductor before being drafted, and was to France with the first quota of drafted men. In a letter written July 3 he expressed confidence in an allied victory and that he would come through unscathed.

Dead Germans Heaped Up High.

Mrs. May Haggerty of 923 Fulton street, Brooklyn, received a letter yesterday from her son, Private Hugh Haggerty, Company F, 165th Infantry, saying he had been slightly wounded and was being taken excellent care of by American Red Cross nurses. He had been only ten minutes before the arrival of a telegram from the War Department announcing that he had been severely wounded and killed in action. He is a graduate of Public School 21, Brooklyn, and of the Euclid Business School.

In describing the action where he was killed, he wrote: "It was a terrible day for the Germans. They attacked us about 6 o'clock and we kept them up a dozen high. There were a number of our boys wounded and killed, but the Germans did not compare with that of the Germans. Their dead were heaped so high they could not advance. The French and American soldiers drove them back, and later we occupied what had been their first line."

Private Joseph Simons, reported as missing after the fighting July 15, lived in 218 Throgmorton avenue, Williamsburg. He is a son of Aaron and Anna Simons and is 21 years old. He enlisted in Company B, 165th Infantry, two years ago. Before sailing for France last April his unit was stationed at Camp Merritt.

Mrs. Carmella D'Agostino of 1413 Oakley avenue, the Bronx, had a stroke of apoplexy yesterday when she received news that her son, Corporal Guido

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